

advocate for his congregation and the Southeast Michigan community, and wish him continued success in his future endeavors to strengthen the Greater Detroit region.

TRIBUTE TO NEW MEXICO PBS

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend New Mexico PBS for again receiving an American Graduate: Let's Make It Happen community service grant that will enable its stations to continue their efforts to improve graduation rates for students in New Mexico. This grant through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is part of an effort to close "graduation gaps" for students of different races, ethnicities, family incomes, disabilities, and those with limited English proficiency.

In today's economy, a high school diploma is a necessity and a college degree is so important to opening the doors of opportunity. In New Mexico, sadly, we have seen troubling graduation rates, with too many of our young people failing to graduate from high school. New Mexico PBS will use this grant to highlight local leaders who are helping increase graduation rates and playing a vital role in encouraging our children to complete their education. It will also work to increase understanding of the challenges facing students, working with partners to develop long-term solutions that emphasize the importance of early education.

This effort is a continuation of New Mexico PBS's mission to provide educational programs that strengthen our communities and build a brighter future for our state. I commend New Mexico PBS for its efforts and also the American Graduate program for their commitment to our young people.

RECOGNITION OF ACCESS TUCSON IN HONOR OF 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and celebration of Access Tucson, an independent, nonprofit, membership-based organization that is celebrating 30 years of serving the people of Tucson, Arizona. I also want to commend Executive Director Lisa Horner for her many years of service to this community.

Access Tucson provides the training and facilities for Tucsonans to communicate with their community through electronic media. Access Tucson producers provide the ideas, information and diversity to create the most visible part of Access Tucson's operations: the programming.

Public access television is the only forum in which individual citizens have the opportunity to express their opinions and perspectives to the community through cable television. Access Tucson provides an important venue for

exercising one of our First Amendment rights: the right to free speech. Public access television makes the use of electronic media possible for many groups that are under-represented or not heard or seen in conventional broadcast television.

Access Tucson provides programming with an important social benefit—such as programs that assist refugees learn how various Tucson services operate and how they can become fully integrated into our community. Access Tucson also provides media training and media literacy to many individuals, including people living with a disability.

I congratulate Access Tucson on its 30th anniversary and look forward to enjoying its service to our community for at least another 30 years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AMERICA'S CREDIT UNIONS ON REACHING 100 MILLION MEMBER MILE- STONE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize America's credit unions on reaching an historic milestone of achieving 100 million members nationwide. Credit unions are liked by their members for the quality service and financial education they offer. That is why one in three Americans have proudly united themselves with the common values and principles of credit union membership.

South Carolina is especially appreciative of credit unions as Ed Templeton, President and CEO of SRP Federal Credit Union of North Augusta, South Carolina, recently became the new chairman of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Since America's first credit union opened its doors in Manchester, N.H. in 1908, millions have made the choice to become credit union members. Credit Unions help unite communities. It is likely you can join a credit union if you live, work, or worship in a particular area. Membership can be obtained through employers, families, school or alumni associations, industry or trade groups, and even homeowners' associations.

As a credit union member myself, I stand proudly in congratulating the more than seventy South Carolina credit unions and approximately 1.4 million citizen-members on this historic achievement. When 100 million Americans have united as credit union members, each one knows he or she is in good company.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. CAROL LINDE, WINNER OF AUBURN'S POLITICAL SCIENCE LEADER- SHIP AWARD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an outstanding young

leader who attends Auburn University, which is a leading research and educational institution in my district in Alabama. Auburn's political science department each year recognizes a student leader who excels in both the classroom and the community. It is my honor to announce that Ms. Carol Linde is this year's winner of Auburn's Political Science Leadership Award. A faculty committee selected Carole after careful consideration of her outstanding credentials.

Carol grew up in Delaware. She is a senior pursuing a dual degree in Political Science and Psychology, with minors in English and Women's Studies. With a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point average, Carol has been rightfully recognized for her academic abilities as the recipient of many awards, including the Sloan Y. Bashinsky, Sr. and Sam Long Hutchinson endowed scholarships. She is on the Dean's List, and is a member of Auburn's Honors Congress, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and several other honor societies.

Carol has demonstrated her leadership in multiple ways. At Auburn, she has worked as a peer instructor for first year students in the Honors College, tutored student athletes and provided writing assistance for students through Auburn's Miller Writing Center. Beyond campus, she has helped spearhead recycling efforts on football gamedays, assisted with the East Alabama Food Bank and assisted local preschools' Head Start programs.

Carol has also involved herself in the policy-making process as an intern. She interned in the state office of our colleague in the other chamber, Senator TOM CARPER, as well as in my district office in Opelika, Alabama. As with everything else in which she has participated, Carol did an outstanding job working on behalf of the citizens of my district, and I am sincerely grateful for her efforts. I am convinced her record of service and success will continue after she graduates in May 2015, and I look forward to hearing of her future accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Carol, and express my appreciation to her parents, Eric and Melinda Linde, and to Auburn University for producing such an outstanding student and citizen.

HONORING JUDGE JAMES D. TRIMBLE

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Judge James D. Trimble, who has served his family and community throughout his lifetime while striving to put others before himself.

Judge Trimble chose to dedicate 30 years to the Menifee County School System. Of those, 22 were spent as a teacher and eight of were spent as a principal. Some of those years were even spent driving a bus throughout Menifee County and coaching the girls' basketball team. After retiring from the school system in 1994, he became a part-time tobacco farmer and worked part-time at the Frenchburg Job Corps for five years teaching driver's education.

From 2003 until 2006, Trimble served as Menifee County Judge Executive under the

motto "Leave Menifee County better than you found it." As Judge Executive, Trimble was able to accomplish a great deal for Menifee County, reducing the county's debt from \$900,000 to \$600,000 in just three years. He secured a grant for two new garbage trucks; purchased a new boom mower for the county; and worked in conjunction with 911 Director Christy Wayman and Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) to obtain a new 911 system for Menifee County, which also received a two year raise for all county employees and \$100 million in additional money for blacktopping from the Governor's office while Trimble was Judge Executive. Judge Trimble also worked with Gail Wright of the Gateway Area Development District office to receive funds from Community Development Block Grants and Appalachian Regional Commission for a new Senior Citizens Center for Menifee County.

Trimble has been happily married to Lucille Coldiron Trimble for 49 years. They have two children, Jami Miller and Jimmy Trimble; and three grandchildren—Travis Trimble, Kyle Miller and Bryce Miller.

Trimble is a proud member of the Frenchburg Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon and an adult Sunday school teacher as well as leading Wednesday night prayer meetings.

In his spare time, Trimble enjoys playing basketball in adult recreation leagues. He also enjoys the Bluegrass Games, and has taken home both gold and silver medals with his group. He is an active member of the Shift Masters Car Club, and coached Little League for five years while his son Jimmy played for "The Royals." He has enjoyed volunteering with Habitat for Humanity as well.

James D. Trimble has devoted his life to serving those around him, and his service to Menifee County, our Commonwealth and our community is greatly appreciated.

RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the upcoming anniversary of the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising. This event, which began on October 10, 1911, is commemorated every year as the National Day of the Republic of China. The Wuchang uprising led to the establishment of the Republic of China, commonly called Taiwan, in 1912.

Over the years, the United States and Taiwan have fostered a mutually beneficial relationship based on interests and values that we share. This friendship has led to far reaching economic benefits and unique cultural ties.

Taiwan is a trusted ally and trading partner and has acted as an example of democracy in the Asia-Pacific region. It is in our mutual best interest to continue to strengthen our economic relationship and cultural ties. I hope our trade and investment continues to grow in the years ahead.

I hope that the longtime friendship between the United States and the Republic of China continues to blossom and develop for decades to come.

HONORING ALLISON HUGHES

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Allison Hughes of Barrington, Illinois. Allison is co-founder of a charity called Heels on the Ground, whose mission is to improve and enrich the quality of life for the caregivers of America's wounded soldiers.

Allison served our country for 8 years as an Army UH-60 pilot and was deployed in Iraq twice. Her husband, Special Forces Major Breg Hughes, was wounded on May 29, 2012 in Afghanistan when his Humvee drove over an IED, just days before Allison was due to give birth to the couple's second son. Breg sustained 3rd degree burns and severe injuries. While caring for her husband and raising two children, Allison has remarkably found the energy to co-found Heels on the Ground and work to support other caregivers.

Heels on the Ground is a charity that seeks to provide support for caregivers through the creation of local support chapters, individualized mental and physical wellness plans, educational webinars, quarterly workshops for chapter leaders, and through Wounded Warrior caregiver retreats for small groups with the goal of developing skills learned in other channels. The goal is to teach caregivers how to manage the stress, anxiety, and the countless other demands that are placed on them in caring for their wounded spouses, often while juggling responsibilities for children, work, their own personal mental and physical wellbeing.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing Mrs. Allison Hughes for her impressive service to our country as both a woman in uniform and caregiver to one of our wounded servicemen. She has truly set an example for us all to live by.

HONORING DENISE RUSHING

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

Denise Rushing (County Supervisor and economic strategist; Upper Lake—Lake County): Denise Rushing is best known for her work as a business growth strategist. With a background in energy technology and digital marketing, Denise helps change-makers innovate, create and enter new markets consistent with their values. She has generated grassroots momentum to find renewable and regenerative solutions to environmental problems. In 2006, after living in Lake County for just 18 months, Denise was elected to the Board of Supervisors in one of the most transformative elections in Lake County history as her platform of justice and environmental stewardship resonated with voters.

Lake County's economic evolution over 7½ years is a testament to Denise's leadership and evidenced by California's Green Summit Environmental Leadership Award two years in a row. One project is the largest public solar installation in the western United States; the other, "appropriate tech" park

structures constructed with volunteer labor and all local and natural materials. Denise was instrumental in transforming a blighted trailer park into an eco-park, and a leading advocate in bringing the county's first four-year educational institution to Lucerne. She has been passionate about finding healthy solutions for improving water quality in Clear Lake and has worked collaboratively on local boards and committees, including one that brought traditional agriculture and the organic community together in a "Food Roundtable." Denise was elected in a resounding fashion and, true to her promises, has effected lasting, sustainable change in Lake County and the people who live here.

RECOGNIZING THE WARD FAMILY AS THE 2014 SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Ward Family from Allentown, Florida, for being selected as the 2014 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

The Ward family farm was started in 1917 when James B. Ward settled in Allentown and set up a farm near Highway 89. Today, nearly 100 years later, the Ward family farming tradition continues with James E. "Jimmy" Ward, his wife Angela, and their three sons, Jamie, Justin and Dustin. Like many family farmers, Jimmy Ward has been farming for as long as he can remember, and he discovered his love of farming and learned the core values of hard work, integrity, and generosity from working on the farm with his father, Lamar, and his three uncles. Since taking over the farm, 24 years ago, Jimmy has carried on the proud Ward family farming tradition, and today, the Ward family incorporates the lessons learned from generations of farming to grow peanuts, cotton, corn, and wheat on their 900-acre farm.

In addition to their work on the farm, the Ward family is also deeply involved in their local community and in various agricultural organizations. Jimmy currently serves as Chairman of the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation Farm Committee and is an active member of the Florida Farm Bureau, where he can help share his vast experience and knowledge with other Florida farmers.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Santa Rosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a reflection of the Ward's tireless work and their dedication to family, and farming. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Ward family for being outstanding in their field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE ALBUQUERQUE DUKES

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the